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SUBJ: AMERICAN CITIZEN TRAVELING TO KAMPALA

1. FOR THE RECORD:

2. GEORGE EGHORN, NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN OF NORWEGIAN EXTRACTION CURRENTLY IN ALGIERS AS TOURIST, HAS REMARKED TO SEVERAL EMBASSY PERSONNEL THAT HE PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO KAMPALA.

3. HIS SPECIFIC INTENTIONS VARY ACCORDING TO WHOM HE TALKING, BUT CONSTANT THEME HAS BEEN THAT HE IS CLOSE TO OBOTE SUPPORTERS IN PARIS AND THAT HE HOPES TO DABBLE IN POLITICAL MATTERS. HE TOLD ONE EMBOFF HE PLANNED TO OPERATE UNDER COVER CROSSROADS AFRICA TO GET CLOSE TO AMIN TO OVERTHROW HIM AND TO BRING OBOTE BACK TO POWER.

4. DCM HAS OFFICIALLY COUNSELED EGHORN AGAINST PROCEEDING TO KAMPALA AND BECOMING INVOLVED IN POLITICS THERE. EGHORN RESPONDED THAT AMEMBASSY PARIS HAD GIVEN HIM SAME WARNING BUT THAT HE BELIEVES IN "PERSONAL DIPLOMACY" AND "POWER OF LOVE." HE SAID HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO PARIS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO KAMPALA AND WOULD REFLECT ON ADVICE, BUT THAT HE PERSUADED HE WOULD BE RUNNING NO RISK.

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